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The witches of Haliburton County gathered together at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last year as a part of their spooky celebrations. Happy Halloween! /FILE

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# Little Dolly Dawdle

I FEEL EXTREMELY lucky to get to reflect out loud from my later-in-life advantage. Much water has passed under the bridge since my first impressions of time. And it didn't take very long for time to speed up.

I used to be a slow-mo kid. Spoke slowly, ate slowly, decided slowly. The future once seemed impossibly distant. Never a need to rush. The world could visit me through family, playing, reading. Weathered books from the ancestors kept trickling down. I'd read and reread about other lands and other children.

At first, we sibs watched no TV, and knew nothing about its lucrative scheduling. Only early bedtimes had kept us tied to any clock. A single square brown electric one ticked a simple heartbeat in the family kitchen. But once we could afford one, TV became desperately important. That clock turned into divinity. 6 to 9 p.m. on a Sunday were its privileged portal hours, those before which we'd have finished supper, washed dishes, cleaned teeth and faces, and already be in pyjamas. Even bigger were Saturday mornings. Fast-paced cartoons with classical music chase scenes meant variety cereal packs. We'd breakfast independently, pouring milk directly into tiny perforated waxed cartons of Frosted Flakes.

**DEB REED**

*Wind in the Attic*

But next came Mondays, where time distorted grievously. Bigger than I could initially navigate. I eventually learned to understand my first wristwatch so I could reach school twice a day before the bell rang. Ten weekly hours of no-nonsense walking, thirty minutes either way. One of my treasured secondhand books was by Enid Blyton. Nowadays, her children's stories are quite collectible. One series contained the tale of Little Dolly Dawdle, a likeable character who was always late. She'd stop to splash in puddles or to examine whatever she encountered along her daily treks to school. I loved her. I've tried to find a first edition, but to no avail.

I wonder if rushing through clock-directed lifetimes can contribute to anxiety. Yet time introduces efficiency. Clocks are essential. Nobody wants to miss trains, a rendezvous, a concert. Nature herself runs on timetables. Sunrise, sunset. Moon cycles. Cicadas. But those lack that panicky people-rush I loathe. My heart rate's been reluctantly expedited because of clocks. I'm agenda-aware, having joined their edgy ranks. Valid ranks, even naturally. Unmeasured time is still of the essence. Creatures need speed to feed. Seedlings compete. Newborn mammals seek milk. Earliest birds get worms. Nice folks finish last.

The Dolly in us who stops to explore every shiny object eventually notices her inconvenience to others. She discovers accountability, focus, compromise. The latter derives from the Latin: 'to promise mutually'. Synonyms reinforce it. Negotiate. Accommodate. Meet in the middle.

Little Dolly couldn't have lasted as a slowpoke. Dawdling to check out each rock and earthworm is punishable by maturity. Like almost everyone else, she learned to march to clocks and schedules. Time waits for no straggler. There are duties and deadlines.

Except for kids on a Saturday morning. That's for cereal and TV.

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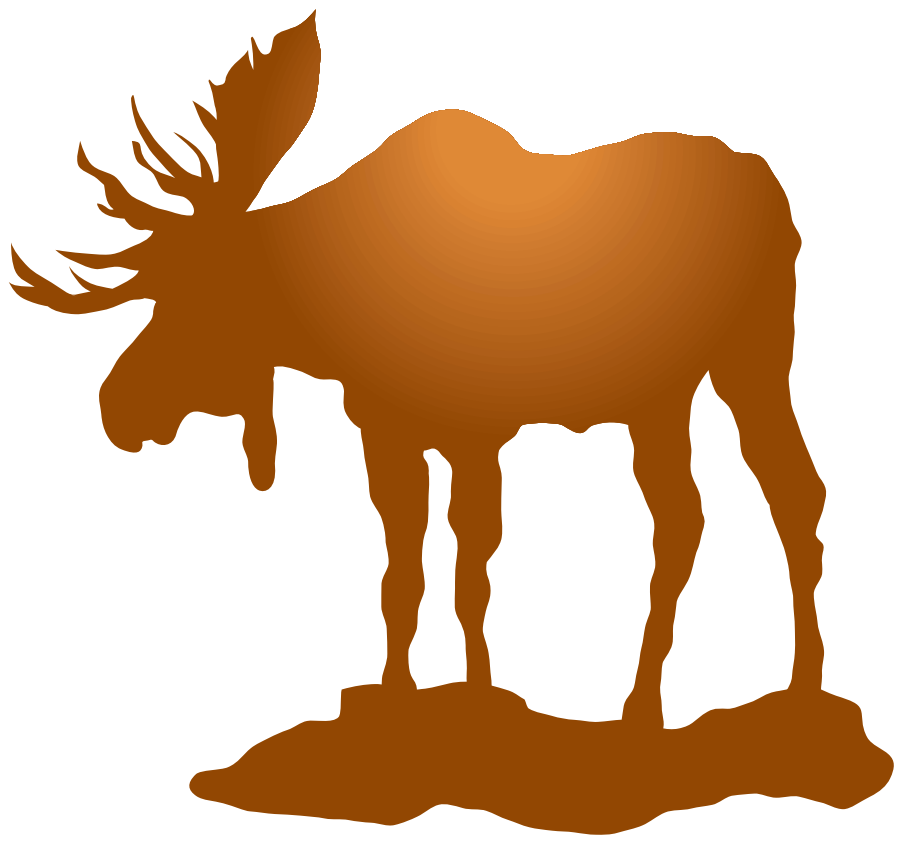
# How to miss a moose



**STEVE GALEA**
*Beyond 35*

NOW THAT we are deep into the big game seasons for moose, deer, and bear, I think it is time that we tackled an important skill that many hunters are woefully unaware of. I am, of course, referring to how to miss a moose.

Outdoor writers, me included, have been remiss when it comes to dealing with this.

The current thinking is that, after you miss a moose, especially one that is standing still, and at point blank range, you own up to it and plead for the leniency of the court. Oh sure, you might try to convince your fellow hunters that there were extenuating circumstances and blame the miss on a faulty scope, poorly loaded bullets, an unexpected and remarkably brief twister, a surge in the magnetic pull of the earth, a moose that moved like it came from the *Matrix*, or other less probable things. But we all know what the verdict will be. And, as a result, every year before moose season when everyone gathers to sight in their rifles, you will be told to shoot at a target the size of a small barn.

All this is to say that owning up to missing a moose is a big mistake.

I prefer a two-prong approach.

The first involves keeping a large roll of cash and an ironclad non-disclosure agreement in my pack whenever I am hunting in a group. After you buy the silence of the witness, the next thing to do is pre-empt the explanation regarding the sound of the shot that rang through the woods.

As soon as you get back, you need to be the first to ask, "Does anyone know who took that shot near me? It scared the moose I was aiming at off."

This will immediately draw pushback. Your "friends" will say that there was no one within 200 yards of your location. They will also swear it sounded like it came from the same calibre rifle you use – and the ensuing cursing sounded off in a voice identical to yours.

Some observant soul might even point out that you radioed everyone to tell them "Warm up the ATVs because I have a huge bull in my sights at 50 yards that is impossible to miss…"

This last statement makes things a bit more complicated, but with the right amount of gaslighting and denial, you might convince them that you were only joking. (Pro tip: Before moose season, study clips of the Whitehouse press secretary to get inspiration and technique.)

One other thing I like to do is carry a full box of twenty bullets, plus one or more than no one knows I have. That way, when you get back to camp and they start giving you the gears for denying that you missed that animal, you can show them that you still have a full box of ammo.

All of this does not always work, however. Sometimes the evidence is too overwhelming or the blackmail from the witness is too expensive.

In this case, you can say that you missed that moose at point blank range. But then say you did it intentionally because you were shooting at another one 700 yards away that was so much bigger.

If you are lucky, they'll just stare in disbelief. More likely, they'll do what all moose hunters do, and call bull.

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# To rake or not to rake?

**ADAM FRISK**
*County Life* Staff

About this time every year, as trees drop their golden and crimson leaves, property owners are faced with the annual dilemma: to rake or not to rake?

While many vie for a tidy, leaf-free lawn, one local environmental expert said that this fixation on "cleanliness" may be costing our local ecosystem.

"It is a question that seems to be becoming more and more common," Rick Whitteker, outdoor educator and Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's partners in conservation co-ordinator, said in a recent telephone interview. "At least people are thinking about it because leaves, they got this unfortunate term as leaf litter, which gives people a sense that leaves are like a coffee cup or something tossed on the ground.

"But leaves are super important for the, not just the soil health because they're kind of nature's fertilizer, but also just as habitat for a lot of little critters," he said.

For many insects vital to our environment, fallen leaves are more than just insulation; they are a life-saving home. This habitat protection is crucial, especially during the cold winter months.

Whitteker pointed to the firefly and how many people lament the decline of fireflies, but their absence may be directly related to yard care habits.

"They live most of their life in the larval stage," he explained. "Most of the time, they're living under the leaf litter. But, since we put so much lawn grass out there and we bag our leaves and take it to the dump, those are examples of ways that fireflies are being decimated.

"They need that leaf litter," Whitteker said.

The expert also noted that the foliage is critical for pollinators. Most bumblebee queens, for instance, survive the winter dormant underneath a protective layer of leaves.

"The queen survives the winter underneath leaf litter and then comes up and starts a new colony, which could be up to 300 bumblebees," he said. "If we continuously take up all our leaves and break up even underneath our shrubs and the edges of forest, then we're taking that habitat away from bumblebees and other insects that are of value to us, they provide an ecological service."

The motivation to maintain a grassy area is understandable, but the key is to avoid getting rid of the leaves completely, Whitteker said. He suggested never bag leaves and send them to the landfill, where they often decompose without proper composting, releasing methane and contributing to climate change.

Instead, residents should find ways to integrate them back into the yard's natural areas.

"What I would encourage people to do is not to bag those leaves, but to just leave those leaves wherever they can naturally decompose," he said, adding that this includes under all shrubs, trees, and in flower or vegetable gardens.

Using a lawnmower to mulch the leaves and leaving the smaller pieces directly on the grass is also a good method because it allows foliage to decompose quickly, feeding the lawn without smothering it.

The outdoor educator explained that nature is inherently a little messy, and people should embrace that concept in landscaping.

"This is the problem as we get so fixated on cleanliness and the visual appeal of it," Whitteker said. "We have to get over that because nature is not tidy and is a bit messy at times."

A person walks their dog out onto the sandbar at Head Lake. /ADAM FRISK staff


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This is the fourth year that Irondale has flown these flags – number grows each year. The flags represent an individual that has served our great country in some fashion during a war and has a tie to Irondale. A very moving visual reminder of those who served.

There is plenty to see inside the church as well. The display items are loaned by family members willing to share their keepsakes. Some have loaned the original uniforms worn by father and an aunt. Displays have been built using newspaper accounts, helmets, photos, enlistment papers, diaries, paybooks and the list goes on.

The original event was funded by a LIP from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Minden Rotary Club and individual family members. The subsequent years have enjoyed funding from the Minden Legion, County Sign & Display and new family members.

New this year is the opportunity for you to win a prize as well as appreciate the dedication these people have given to our country. Complete the puzzle to the right and deposit in the box when you visit the Irondale event.

*Service, Courage and Sacrifice* runs daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to Nov. 8 to 11.

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| 9 | With Jam on it | | Soldier | |
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| 12 | Bluebird | | Friendly | |
| 13 | Chew the Rag | | Nap | |

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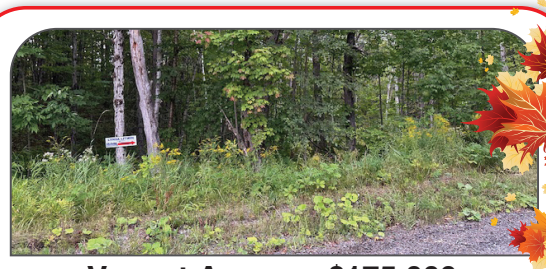

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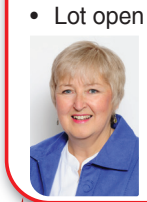

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## The in-betweens

SO OFTEN, life is broken into major chapters. Chunks of time measured and melded to give us something to look towards.

We see it seasonally; themed decorations abruptly shifting from pumpkin orange and goldenrod yellow to the satin ribbons and bows of Christmas; scented candles in cinnamon and spice shifting into peppermint and evergreen.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*County Life Editor*

The same can be said for any major thing in life; ages, milestones, demographics, chapters. We measure life by the chunks of time that are highlighted as significant. The 'terrible twos', 'officially a teenager', 'qualifying for a seniors discount at last'.

But as we sit in these seasons, these times of in-between, we have to see them for what they're worth. Maybe they're more than just a season of waiting for the next chapter to start. Maybe they are their own chapters unto themselves.

This time of year always feels like we're waiting for the other shoe to drop; the one shoe of summer now in the past, and the steps taken towards Christmas hover just above the crisp, newly fallen frost.

And we wait.

We hustle and we bustle to get things in place, but so rarely do we look up for that breath of fresh air.

Gone are the leaves that once dazzled the horizon line, and in their place, a stark bristle of curves and clatter; filling the sky with a tangle of branches; their emptiness a hollow reminder of days gone by.

The in-between times are often paired with an innate sense of grief. The closing of one chapter, the pages to the next one not quite written. When we see these seasons take shape, we must face the reality that something is forever gone; a season has passed, and will never be experienced quite the same way again.

As my son toddles between one and two, while I was planning with trepidation the onset of the 'terrible twos', I now recognize that he is closer to two than one. His days of newness are faltering; that wonder and whimsy that once so naturally accompanied his soulful blue eyes each new day are replaced with comfortable comprehension and understanding. He knows our routines, knows our faces, knows our names. As his sponge of a brain absorbs the world around him each day, the season of endless wonder is winding down.

And don't get me wrong, I love this stage as well. Hearing him say 'mum' each morning is the greatest music I've ever heard, watching him navigate shapes and numbers and names and colours is my favourite form of entertainment.

But as we walk the tightrope of the in-betweens; looking towards the future and grasping at the past, there's a sadness in what we are leaving, a hope for what we're tiptoeing towards.

And in this medley of grief, sadness, happiness and hope, we must sometimes just sit; our eyes simultaneously looking forward and backwards, a space that is right in front of us.

A space that feels slow yet hurried, rushed yet stagnant, tangible yet abstract.

This stage of in-betweens. Between seasons. Between ages. Between chapters. Between major milestones. Between endings and beginnings. Between the past and the future. Between one version of yourself, and the next.

It is ever-changing, ever-evolving, ever-moving in a whirlwind of wisps and wonder.

And before we step onto those next pages, we should find solace in the chains that link the chapters together.

That beautiful, messy, grey area of the in-between.

# Top 10 things man said after inventing fire

THERE ARE so many great moments in history that I would have loved to witness firsthand. The invention of fire is high on my list. I am so curious what the people in that first focus group said after being shown a campfire. My guess is that these were the top 10 things early man and woman said.

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

1. You know what burns my butt? A flame about this high.
2. Ouch!
3. This is never going to catch on.
4. What do you say we just sit around it and sing?
5. Hey, what d'ya say we spend the evening poking it with sticks?
6. If we learn anything at all from Grok's sudden demise, it will be from now on we all fart away from the flames.
7. So much for my birchbark shoes.
8. I've got this fun idea: I call it the "hot foot."
9. Has anyone seen my block of ice?
10. Great! Now my bread is hot and crisp.

# Ghost

Ghost Breath chilling the flesh of the guest that rises from their bed to close the window,
but the window's already sealed, the guest, shivering, as they crawl back into bed,
curling like a fetus beneath the covers, as the chambermaid, a century dead, hovers over them,
lingering in the room at the end of the hallway, where the master of the manor used to visit,
while his family slept on another floor, the chambermaid's Heart, when it still beat,
thrashing in her chest like a trapped bird,
yearning to break free of the cage that contains it, dread slithering through her veins,
as she heard the floorboards creak, the rusted hinge of the door, opening, the scent of cigar,
that wafted into the room,
that remained long after he left, leaving the chambermaid to curl like a fetus beneath the covers,
the one growing inside her, still a secret, as she carried on in silence with her day's work,
wishing for Night to fall, until the morning that it does, and darkness envelops her forever,
a slip of a step at the top of the staircase, seconds after the master of the manor strides past,
placing his hand on the small of her back, while she sweeps, the gesture snatching her Breath,
as she loses her balance and tumbles down and down the stairs, no one to catch her, nobody there,
only the blur of the master standing at the top of the stairs, her raven hair loosening
as she falls towards an endless Night,
her hair cascading down her back like a waterfall, as she visits her old room at the end of the hallway
each Night,
trapped in the manor house that she so wished to flee, her death deemed an accident, her body laid to rest,
her Soul, roaming, restless, yearning to break free from the one that still haunts her,
passing her at the top of the stairs in his top hat and coattails, his murderer's Soul
trapped in his family Home, too,
tormenting the chambermaid in death the way he did in Life, the chambermaid seeking refuge in her old
room,
where guests sleep, unaware, that it's her ghost that chills the Air in the room,
that makes the chandelier glass tinkle in the middle of the Night, watching them as they toss and turn,
unable to fall back asleep, feeling a cold draft waft through the room in the dead of winter,
chilling their bones as they curl beneath the covers, listless and shivering, the chambermaid's ghost sometimes
lingering until dawn,
turning the water faucets on and off, wailing, silently, I AM HERE,
sometimes returning to the room at the end of the hallway after they leave, to lie in the bed,
curling like a fetus,
leaving an imprint behind on the bedsheets, that the housekeeper presumes was a guest,
ghost Breath chilling the flesh on her neck, as she rubs the goosebumps with her hand,
sliding the window open, wide,
spritzing air freshener to mask the scent of cigar that permeates the room,
don't the guests ever learn, not to smoke inside?

*Sylvie Kalenda*

# Honouring Joan and Gary Stoner for their years of dedication

The Minden Community Food Centre recently held a special celebration at the Dominion Hotel to honour two of its long-serving volunteers, Joan and Gary Stoner, for their years of commitment, leadership, and service to the community.

Joan first joined the Food Centre as part of the kitchen crew when meals were being prepared at the Minden Community Food Centre. In 2014, when the organization moved to its current location at 24 Newcastle Street, Joan took the initiative to establish the Clothing and Goods Boutique, a department that became an important part of the centre's operations. Her friendly presence, compassion, and willingness to help every visitor made her a beloved part of the Minden Community Food Centre family.

Gary began volunteering with the Food Bank in 2010 when it was still located on Bobcaygeon Road. Over the years, he played a vital role in countless behind-the-scenes tasks, helping unload deliveries, stocking shelves, and even delivering hampers to those unable to visit in person. His calm reliability became a steady force at the Centre, especially during challenging times like the 2017 Minden flood, when he helped the kitchen crew prepare and serve meals to those affected.

Gary joined the Board of Directors in 2018 and went on to serve as Corporate Secretary and later as Chair of the Board. Under his leadership, the MCFC developed its first Strategic Plan, began pursuing accreditation through Food Banks Canada's Standards of Excellence program, and launched the Community Garden Initiative at the Minden Fairgrounds, offering local residents garden plots to grow their own food and contribute surplus produce to the Food Centre.

Together, Joan and Gary have left a lasting legacy of service, compassion, and community spirit. Their dedication helped shape the Minden Community Food Centre into what it is today, a welcoming place where neighbours help neighbours.

As they move on to the next chapter of their lives, the MCFC family extends heartfelt thanks for all they have done to strengthen the organization and the community it serves.

The staff, board members, and volunteers at the Minden Community Food Bank.

*Submitted*

The staff and volunteers at the Minden Community Food Centre said goodbye to Joan and Gary Stoner last week, and thanks them for their many years of service. /submitted

Joan and Gary Stoner are moving from the community, but it was noted that they played a big role in the local food centre while here.

**Gary Burtch**

***Lifetime Achievement Ontario Home Builders' Association 2025***

Picture above taken as Gary Burtch was presented his award by Chair Christina Giannone and CEO Scott Addision of OHBA.

Gary established his company, G.J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd. in 1984. He continues to mentor and advise new contractors and business owners daily. Gary is a licensed carpenter who has enabled and fostered the developed of dozens of trade apprentices. The achievements of his company clearly demonstrate the influence he has had.

Gary has been involved in the Haliburton County Home Association (HCHBA) since its inception in 1992. He closely oversees the association and shares his expertise. He is a strong voice at the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) board table representing the interests of small locals in Ontario. Sometimes very vocal about the interests of the small local members.

Gary has contributed significantly to the industry through his involvement on various local and provincial boards and committees, including the Ontario Building Code Commission (OBC) and Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) Advisory Committee. He founded his local association and served as Executive Officer and President for years. Gary was also an influential voice on the Ontario Building Code's SB-7. He taught three construction courses at Sir Sanford Fleming College and frequently spoke in high school classrooms. He received the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) award of honour and was the feature on the cover of Home Builder Magazine.

Gary had led by example in his leadership with his own business and as a member of the association. Quality and customer service have been number one for 41 years. He may have passed on his business on to his son, Andrew Burtch, but Gary is still involved in day-to-day operations providing an ear to listen and a shoulder to lean on.

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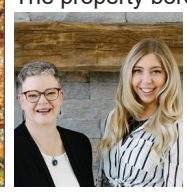

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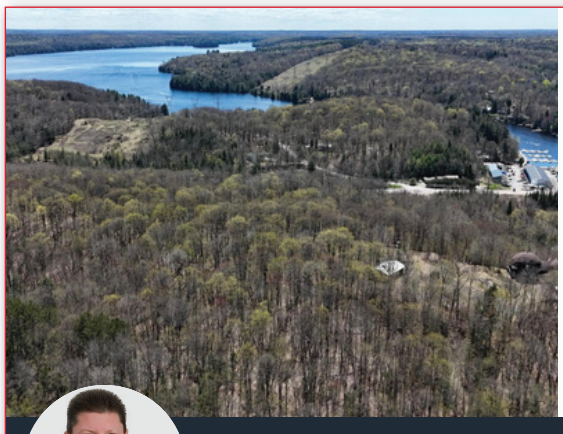

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# Nature in your backyard

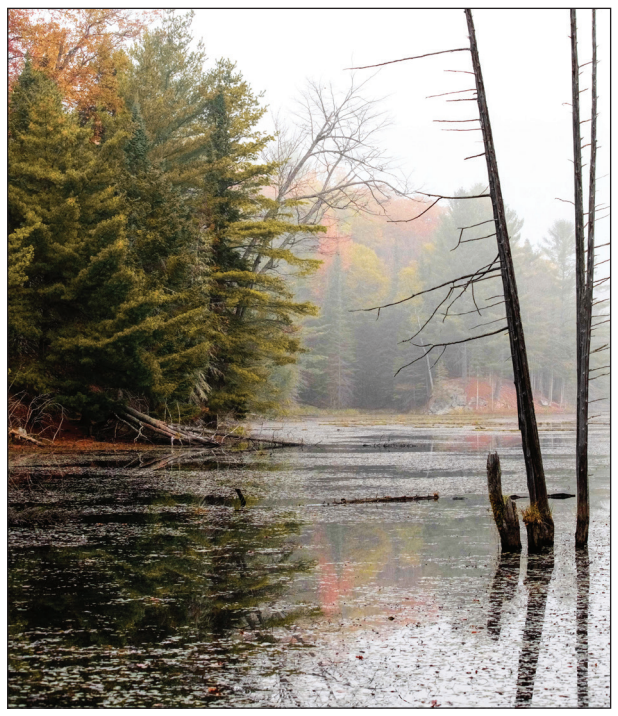
*County Life* welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email emily@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

Sweet deer by Tammy Nash

Dark eyed junco by Jill Moulton

Song sparrow by Jill Moulton

Reflections by Tammy Nash



Naked tree by Tammy Nash

## Legion Events

### Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid Euchre 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed Darts, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Bingo- Doors open at 5 p.m., play at 6:45 p.m. Supper specials every Friday starting at 5 p.m. May purchase special and eat in club room downstairs. Clubroom opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw at 5:30 p.m.
Special events:
Oct. 28 - Liver and onion luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Always an alternative.
Nov. 8 - Ladies Auxiliary Annual Turkey dinner $20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Karaoke starts at 7:30 p.m. Great food, great people and great fun!
3rd Thursday of the month 7 p.m. executive meeting and 7:30 p.m. general meeting (members only)
3rd Sunday of the month Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (members only)
Nov. 8 Ladies Auxiliary hosting turkey dinner 4 to 7 p.m. $20 for adults
Nov. 8 Karaoke starts at 7:30 p.m.
Hall rentals available at reasonable prices. Call 705-488-3462 or 705-928-7105. We welcome everyone to our events and we look forward to seeing you!

### Branch 129 Haliburton

**Mondays:** Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
**Tuesdays:** League darts 7 p.m.
**Wednesdays**: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. FirstWed of each month with jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
**Thursdays**: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
**Fridays:** Five meat draw, five prizes each draw, first draw 4:30 p.m., last draw 6:30 p.m. Tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards. 50/50 Draw 5:40 p.m.
*Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Everyone is welcome!* Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m.

### Branch 636 Minden

**Lunch - Monday to Friday**
**Monday:** Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
**Tuesday:** Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
**Thursday:** Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
**Every other Friday:** Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
**Friday** Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
**Saturday** All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541.
Schedules are subject to change without notice.
Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

### Branch 624 Wilberforce

**Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday: 2 to 10 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.**
**Sunday:**
Nov. 9 L.A Breakfast $10. 9-11am
Nov. 16 Open House with Local Artist Luann Coghlan 1-4pm
**Monday:** Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Darts $5/player 7 p.m.
**Tuesday:** Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph 11 a.m., adjacent to the Llyod Watson Centre. Lunch at the Wilberforce Legion to follow by donation by the Ladies Auxiliary.
**Wednesday:**
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Darts $5/player 2 p.m.
Quick Supper Menu changes weekly $10. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Cribbage League 6:30 – Sign up at the Legion
**Thursday:**
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Cornhole $5/player 7 p.m.
nov. 13, 27 HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
**Friday:**
Oct. 31 Fish and Chips 1pc/$15, 2pc/$20
Nov. 7, 21 Wings and Jam Session $15/lb 5 to 8 p.m.
Nov. 14, 28 Community Care 55+ Lunch $17, 12 p.m.
Nov. 14, 28 Fish and Chips 1pc/$15, 2pc/$20
**Saturday:**
Nov. 1, 15, 29 Open Mic. Free. 2 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 15 Fall Dance. Free. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Nov. 29 Nacho Average Trivia 7 p.m. $5/Player
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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- CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN
- EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
- CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT

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- SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND THEIR FAMILIES

DCHC
- HEPATITIS C TESTING AND TREATMENT
- PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORTS

Haliburton County Paramedic Service
- VITAL CHECKS
- PROGRAM INFORMATION

Kawartha Lakes Jump In
- HOUSING/RENTAL INFORMATION
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- LIFE STABILIZATION
- CHILDCARE FEE SUBSIDY
- CHILDCARE WAIT LIST

Community Legal Clinic Simcoe - Haliburton Kawartha Lakes
- PROBLEMS WITH OW/ODSP OR DENIED ODSP
- PROBLEMS WITH YOUR LANDLORD
- DENIED CANADA PENSION PLAN DISABILITY
- INJURED AT WORK
- FIRED OR DENIED EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR HAVING PROBLEMS AT WORK, INCLUDING WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT
- HUMAN RIGHTS

FUEL FOR WARMTH Serving Haliburton County
- FUEL SERVICE PROGRAM INFORMATION

FLEMING CREW Employment Centre *(TENTATIVE)*
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- SKILLS TRAINING
- PROGRAM INTAKES

FLEMING Skills On Demand Work & Academic Upgrading *(TENTATIVE)*
- ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA (OSSD) COMPLETION
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- SUPPORT WITH ADDICTIONS & SUBSTANCE USE
- HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
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Job QUEST
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- REFERRALS

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**Halloween Storytime**
When: Friday, Oct. 31 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Minden Hills Library
Celebrate Halloween with a storytime that's all treats and no tricks! Perfect for children ages 0 to 6, this special event will feature cheerful Halloween stories, lively songs, and playful rhymes – nothing scary, just lots of giggles. Costumes are welcome (but not required).

**Blackout Poetry for Adults**
When: Friday, Oct 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: the Wilberforce Library
This Halloween, get creative! A mix of writing and art where you transform printed pages into hauntingly beautiful poems. Whether spooky, mysterious, or playful, your creation will capture the spirit of the season. All materials provided. No registration required.

**Free Hands-on Needle Felting Workshop**
When: Friday, October 31st from 1-2pm
Where: the Dorset Library
Celebrate the colours of autumn! Craft a charming miniature pumpkin from soft wool. No prior experience is needed—our staff will guide you step by step through the basics of shaping, layering, and finishing your felted piece. Create a one-of-a-kind mini pumpkin to display as festive fall décor or give as a handmade gift! All materials provided. Registration required. Call 705-457-2241 or email programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca to register.

**Friends of the HCPL 17th Annual Fundraiser**
**"An Afternoon with Linden MacIntyre"**
When: Sunday, Nov.2, 1 to 3 p.m
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, 719 Mountain Street, Haliburton
Linden MacIntyre is a journalist, broadcaster and acclaimed author of "An Accidental Villain". Join us for a silent auction, refreshments and an informative presentation! Linden MacIntyre will have books available for purchase on site. Tickets are $25, cash or cheque only. Tickets can be purchased at the Minden Book Nook or by contacting Penni at 705-286-3276 or Sue at 705-286-2000. Proceeds for this event support library programs throughout our county, thank you for your ongoing support!

**"12 Plants of Christmas"**
When: Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Park St. Minden
Please join the Minden & District Horticultural Society for the last meeting of 2025! Guest speaker Emma Murphy will teach you about the "12 Plants of Christmas" followed by the monthly society meeting. New members welcome!

**Night of Worship with Up River Draw**
When: Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.
Where: Lakeside Church, Haliburton
Free admission. An offering will be taken for the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre for more information call 705-457-4673

**Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands Annual General Meeting**
When: Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m.
Where: The Haliburton Highlands Museum
Register at https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/agm-2025-tickets-1777884172419

**Annual Craft Sale - Auxiliary of the Haliburton Legion**
When: Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..
Where: Haliburton Legion
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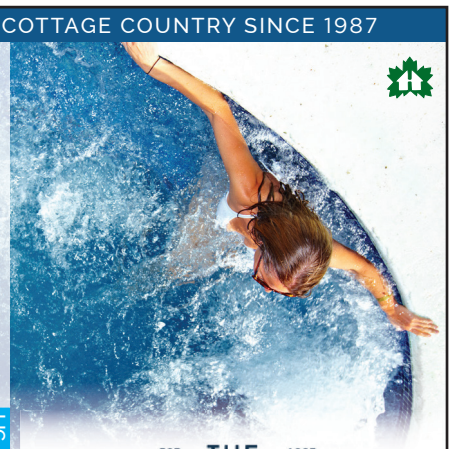

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# Zoning change approved for Hwy 35

by Ariel White

Anson, Hindon and Minden council passed both the official plan amendment and by-law to re-zone the Highway 35 corridor to allow further retail businesses to be established along the Highway 35 bypass. There was no one in attendance to object to the change, despite earlier concerns expressed by downtown business owners.

Council held a meeting with local business representatives in late August of this year to discuss their thoughts on the prospect of re-zoning the highway commercial portion of the highway. At that time there was a concerted protest from members of the Downtown Business Improvement Association. However, this presence was not apparent as the zoning amendment and by-laws were passed in front of a virtually empty gallery.

Planning Administrator Sherry Rea was on hand to answer any last minute questions the council had, regarding the specifics of the amendment. She assured council that under the amendment, although retail stores would be permitted, professional offices such as accountants or lawyers, would not be allowed based on the notion that services such as this would be of little interest to the travelling public.

"I don't think it's been an easy time for any of us," said Reeve Jeanne Anthon. "I know I have had many sleepless nights wondering about the implications of this." Sherry Rea replied, "At the same time though, I think that we will have a wonderful opportunity once the highway is done."

The Ministry of Transport has unveiled plans for the redevelopment of the bypass from the County Road (formerly Highway) 121 south intersection

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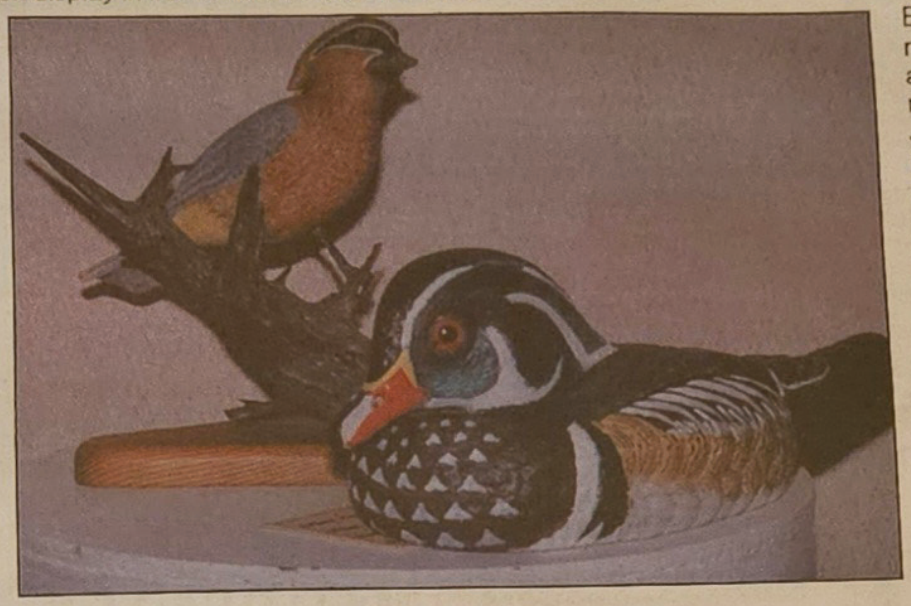
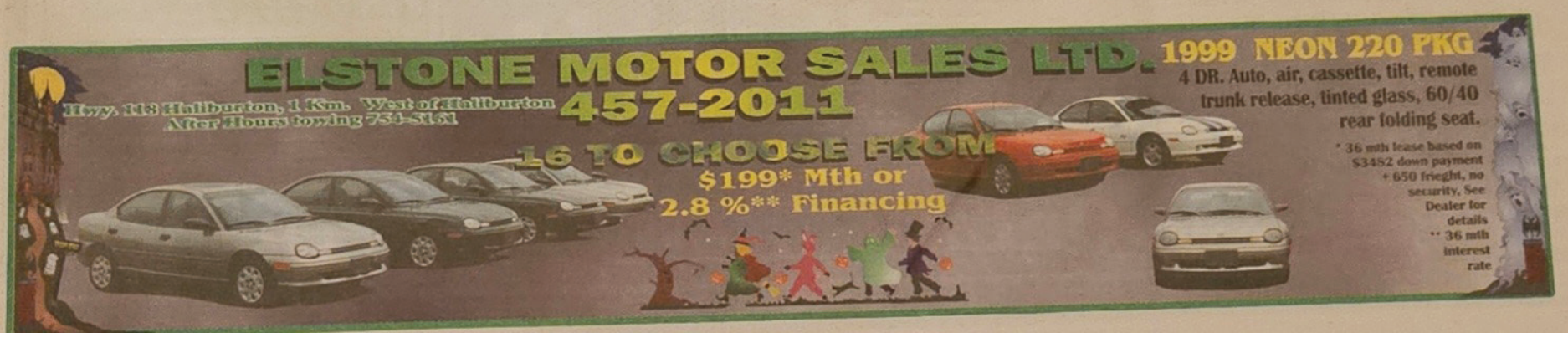
While older folks may cringe at the thought of cooler days ahead, for young people, autumn heralds the celebration of Hallowe'en. Along with the many decorated front yards throughout the community, many residents are selecting a pumpkin to transform into the traditional Jack-O-Lantern. Jake Walker, 9, of Minden and Julie Moore, 10, of Haliburton, found themselves in patch of their own this past week when they went looking through the many pumpkins on display in front of Dollo's IGA in Minden.



Bright colours and fine detail make these wood carvings attractive pieces in this year's members' show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Close to 50 local artists and artisans have contributed paintings, carvings, fabric art and work in other media for the display. The cedar waxwing is the work of Grant Plooard while the wood duck was created by Gerald Hicks. Visitors to the show, which continues until October 31, are invited to vote for the best of the show in a number of categories and select the most outstanding exhibit of all.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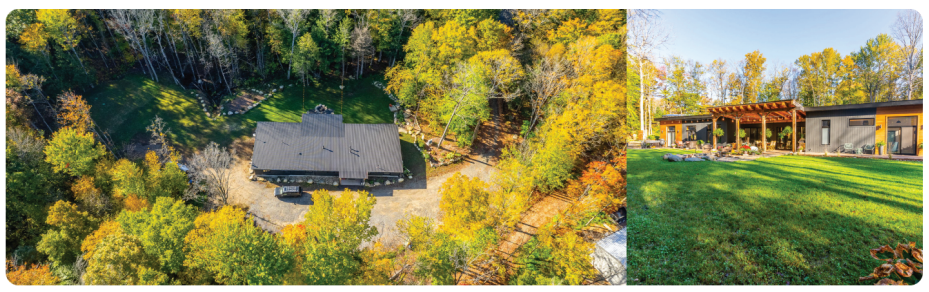

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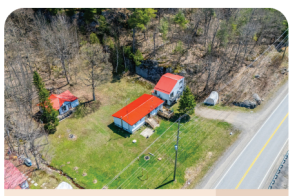

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